

USY 2020-2021 Youth Merit Scholarship Program

The Jacksonville Jewish Center's Setzer Youth Education Department seeks to reward exemplary participants with financial assistance to **further** engage in programs offered through USY, Ramah, and USCJ sponsored programs.

Youth Merit Scholarships are awarded based on participation in the Center's community by demonstrating an engagement and dedication to the following components:

- □ Service Volunteering at the Center
- Study Participation in a Galinsky Academy School or JTLI
- **Prayer** Attending Shabbat and holiday services
- **Engagement** Participation in USY Activities
- Be a Mentsch!

Scholarship dollars are available for middle and high school students attending **Sub-Regional, Regional, and International United Synagogue Youth** sanctioned events, as well as approved Jewish summer camps and programs.*

These events and programs provide experiences with Jewish peers outside of the synagogue that enhance the Jewish value and education provided by the Jacksonville Jewish Center. The Youth Merit Scholarship Program begins on September 6, 2020.

TO APPLY for Youth Merit Scholarships

- 1. Speak with Sara Crowe.
- 2. Make a short video saying "Shalom! My name is... and I love JJ(Sea) Turtles because... and I want to apply for this program because..." Note: If you are uncomfortable with making a video, a Zoom call with Sara can be provided as an alternative.
- 3. Complete the minimum requirements outlined on the front of this page. Requirements are cumulative.
- 4. Videos for year round scholarship must be submitted by Wednesday, October 14th, 2020.
- 5. Declaration of Intent for Summer Scholarship must be made by January 8th, 2021. There is a mandatory meeting for applicants on December 8th, 2020.

Eligibility requirements include students whose families are members in good standing with the Jacksonville Jewish Center, current with payments of the Galinsky Academy school tuition, Youth Group dues and completion of the Setzer Youth Education online registration form found at <u>jaxjewishcenter.org/syeregistration</u>.

Questions regarding eligibility requirements or progress throughout the year may be directed to Youth Director, Sara Crowe at setzeryouthed@jaxjewishcenter.org or call 904.292.1000 ext 133. *For an approved list of programs please reach out to us at setzeryouthed@jaxjewishcenter.org

Event	USY Regional Board Weekend	Mercaz USY Fall Subs	USY International Convention	HaNegev Yom Universal	Mercaz USY Spring Subs Convention	HaNegev USY Regional Convention	Approved Jewish Summer Experiences
	(\$50)	Convention (\$50)	(\$100)	(\$25)	(\$50)	(\$50)	(\$400-\$800)
Event Dates	Oct 16-18, 2020	Dec 4-6, 2020	Dec 27-31, 2020	February 17, 2021	TBD	TBD	Summer 2021
Requirements completed by	Mon, Oct 12, 2020	Mon, Nov 30, 2020	Mon, Dec 21, 2020	Mon, Feb 11, 2021	TBD	TBD	Mon, May 3, 2021
Shabbat Services*	3	6	8	9			8
USY Activities**	3	5	6	7			4
Service Hours at the Center***	2	4	5	7			8
65% Attendance of Galinsky Academy Program (JTLI or <i>Siyyum</i>)	2	5	6	7			9

*Minimum number of programs

**Shabbat Services include Holiday Services. When at the Jacksonville Jewish Center, please make yourself known to Rabbi Rosenblum by collecting your card at the entrance of the synagogue, handing it to Rabbi Rosenblum and greeting her with "Shabbat Shalom." (If Rabbi Rosenblum is not present, you may hand it to another member of clergy or Sara Crowe.) If attending elsewhere, please fill out form found online at https://www.jaxjewishcenter.org/learn/setzer-youth-education/youth-merit-scholarship/shabbat/

*****Service Hours** include attending weekday minyan, reading Torah, reading Haftarah, tutoring, volunteering for a younger youth group activity, or other opportunity within the Center. Please submit a filled out form (found at) to track your hours. Please fill out your form online at https://www.jaxjewishcenter.org/learn/setzer-youth-education/youth-merit-scholarship/service-hours/